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It is subject to TEFRA under section 6233(b) (even though no partnership exists) because it filed a partnership return and because the small partnership exception does not apply (assuming the LLC was listed as a partner). Under Rev. Rul. 2004-88 the DE is a "pass-thru" partner which makes TEFRA automatically apply.

You are right that there is no partnership under section 761and 6231(a) because you can't have a partnership with yourself. But Treas. Reg. 301.6233-1(b) makes TEFRA apply to determine that no partnership entity exists.